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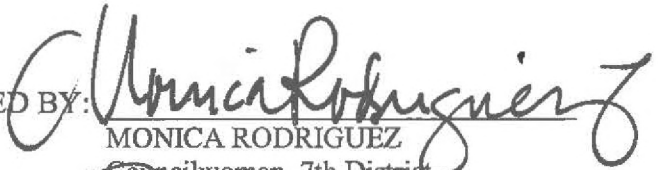
There is a growing family homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Point-in-time Homeless Count (PIT), on a given night there are approximately 36,300 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles out of which 5,482 are individuals in family units experiencing homelessness. This is an increase of 7.3 percent from the 2018 PIT Count.

The urgent needs of families experiencing homelessness and the limited number of family shelters result in many families being housed in motels on an interim basis. Families, often with children, are placed in motels as a first step towards obtaining permanent housing. There are currently hundreds of families in Council District 7 that receive motel vouchers. A motel voucher is paired with case management and other supportive services to assist families.

Finding motel owners willing to allow homeless service providers to place families at their facilities remains a constant challenge. With family homelessness being at the scale we see today, every motel unit made available for service providers to use, despite the environment, is seen as an opportunity to bring another family indoors. Unfortunately, that means families living in motels can be subject to very different living experiences depending on the motels they are placed in. The quality and management of each motel can vary greatly. Opportunities for improving the consistency of services across motels should be explored.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to provide a report that identifies the services offered across motels currently being used to provide shelter to families experiencing homelessness, and to provide practical recommendations to ensure greater consistency of services in these motels.

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